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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

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DEPARTMENT-WIDE WAIVER APPROVAL

Ref: (a) ASN (RD&A) memo dated 21 Dec 94 on Navy Implementation of DoD Policy
on Specification and Standards Reform

Encl: (1) Approval Criteria For Department-Wide Waiver

Reference (a) allows for the approval of Department-wide waivers by the DoN Standards Improvement Executive for the use of military specifications and standards in acquisitions. Enclosure (1) provides the approval criteria for the waiver requests submitted by the Command Standards Improvement Executives.

Program Offices and Buying Commands are encouraged to utilize the criteria contained in enclosure 91) for their rationale in justifying program-unique waiver requests for ACAT I - IV programs. CSIEs are requested to ensure that enclosure (1) criteria is distributed to the appropriate field buying commands.

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APPROVAL CRITERIA FOR DEPARTMENT-WIDE WAIVER

Department-wide waivers will be approved when the cited military specifications and standards are needed to be used for all applications across DoN acquisitions. Tailoring of the requirements contained in the waived military specification and standards shall still be accomplished where appropriate. The military specifications and standards waived shall be needed in the solicitation to address the following concerns:

1. Safety considerations where loss of life, or severe equipment damage, is a significant risk.
2. Reliability requirements where consistency with the DoN logistic infrastructure is required.
3. Performance achievement in uniquely DoN environments or in military-unique applications, e.g., nuclear blast or EMI.
4. Requirements are performance-based, i.e., military standards in a non-exempt category for waivers but having requirements written in performance terms.
5. Processes stipulated are accepted commercial practice in which either the DoD has the technology lead or the military specification or standard is being transitioned to a commercial or non-Government standard.

Enclosure (1)